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Applicant : Danitz et al.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir/Madam:

A notice of appeal was filed in the current application on March 19, 2008. A subsequent appeal brief was filed on September 18, 2008. On February 6, 2009 the Examiner reopened prosecution with a non-final rejection with a response due on May 6, 2009. On May 6, 2009 the applicant re-submitted an appeal brief in support of the notice of appeal which was filed on March 19, 2008. Since the fees have increased from \$255 to \$270 per notice of appeal and per appeal brief, the difference of \$30 was submitted with the appeal brief filed on May 6, 2009.

We believe the appeal brief filed on May 6, 2009 is a constructive notice of appeal. In the interest of clerical formatting, we have submitted a notice of appeal that may also correspond to the appeal brief filed and fees paid on May 6, 2009.

It is our understanding that no fee is due at this time. If the Director indicates that any additional fees are due, please charge any outstanding fees to the deposit account of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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 In re Application of  
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## For CLAMP HAVING BENDABLE SHAFT

 Art Unit  
3731 Examiner  
Tuan Van Nguyen

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1))

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